

CBSA COVID Mandate Protests // 2022-02-09 09:00

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Update as of 2022-02-09 0900H EST

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New information in red below.

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Bottom line/Summary:

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~ Ambassador Bridge: Closed to inbound (to Canada) traffic. Protestors associated with Freedom Convoy have continued their blockade on city streets around Ambassador Bridge. Employees are able to report to work, alternate routes are being used if necessary. Some US bound trucks and cars are able to navigate local streets and access the bridge plaza.

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Below are volume comparisons for Windsor and Sarnia.

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# Passages (Persons)	2022-01-31	2022-02-01	2022-02-07	2022-02-08
	Monday	Tuesday	Monday	Tuesday
Windsor Ambassador Bridge Travellers	2216	2212	760	21
Windsor Ambassador Bridge Commercial	3804	5216	1855	6
Windsor Tunnel	2216	3386	4428	4972
Other Commercial POEs				
Sarnia Blue Water Bridge Commercial	2238	2956	2817	5184
Sarnia Blue Water Bridge Travellers	889	810	877	592

- ~ Windsor Tunnel – no delay reported and no protest activity.
- ~ Blue Water Bridge: February 9, 2022, at 0845 ET, the OPP have reported that Highway 402 westbound is closed approximately 40km east of Sarnia. A group of protestors entered the Highway and the OPP are now closing westbound exits leading to the Blue Water Bridge on Highway 402. Truck traffic is being diverted to an Emergency Detour Route (EDR). A separate protest is planned for 12:00 near the CBSA POE in a local park, it is expected that the protest will attempt to merge near the POE to impede inbound and outbound border traffic at Sarnia. SOR is monitoring closely with partners. The border wait time is 4 hrs + for trucks entering Canada. There is no wait time for passenger vehicles. Urgent IT tickets has been opened to address issues in two truck lanes.
- ~ Peace Bridge: latest update at 0845 ET – 1 min wait time for commercial trucks
- ~ Coutts: No change reported from last night. CBSA has learned that all lanes (South and North bound) have been blocked. The POE gates are closed, and POE is holding on processing traffic. CBP is engaged and will work to hold traffic (advise of delay/divert) until this latest blockade is resolved. There is no traffic at PIL.

ONGOING	CONFIRMED	UNCONFIRMED
•~ Ottawa – February 9, 2022, Parliament Hill protest continues •~ Coutts – North and South bound traffic is flowing with one lane open in each direction and gates are open. Protestors continue to line the highway north of the POE. •~ Windsor Convoy for Freedom 2022 – Ambassador Bridge, February 7,8 &9 2022	•~ Ottawa – February 9, 2022, protests continue at Parliament Hill and downtown.	CANADA: •~ Peace Bridge, SOR – February 20, 2022 •~ Sarnia – February 9, 2022 •~ Sault Ste. Marie – February 12, 2022 •~ North Portal, SK / Boissevain, MG - unconfirmed US: •~ Washington, US Capital - February 8 and 9, 2022, US Freedom Convoy s.38 •~ Buffalo – February 11, 2022 •~ Port Huron / Sarnia – February 12, 2022 Overseas:

		•~ Brussels - Freedom Convoy Europe 2022 (Unconfirmed) •~ New Zealand – protest activity in support of Canadian protests •~ Australia- protest activity in support of Canadian protests
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Enhanced vigilance examinations:

No new vigilance examinations reported

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Intelligence Landscape

•~BLUF: As of February 8 at 1330 ET, the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure is low.

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Regional POE Impacts:

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ATL:

•~ No impact to CBSA operations reported

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Quebec:

•~ No impact to CBSA operations reported

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•~ No impact to CBSA operations reported

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GTA:

•~ No impact to CBSA operations reported

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SOR:

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Blue Water Bridge:

•~ As of 0800 ET, SOR Intelligence and OPP warn of possible indications of a slow roll blockade protest on the 402 highway this afternoon in Sarnia. Bridge Authority is engaged.

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Ambassador Bridge:

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PRA:

Coutts:

•~ AS of 0845 ET, POE gates remain closed. More updates will be available following RCMP briefing this morning.

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PAC:

•~ No impact to CBSA operations reported

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